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Library of Congress Acquires Crèvecoeur Manuscripts through Gift of the Cafritz Foundation

The Library of Congress has acquired the original manuscripts of an 18th-century American literary classic, Crèvecoeur's *Letters from an American Farmer* and related essays. The acquisition was made possible by the support of the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, which gave funds to the Foundation for the Commemoration of the United States Constitution for the gift to the Library. The grant was given in recognition of the importance of Crèvecoeur's work to the understanding of the historical context from which the Constitution emerged.

Detail of a sketch in the newly acquired Crèvecoeur manuscripts.

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin said of the acquisition: "As the apostle of national identity, Crèvecoeur holds and deserves

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Library of Congress Publishes Bibliography on Labor Leader Samuel Gompers

In December 1886, union leaders gathered in Columbus, Ohio, to launch the first permanent organization of labor unions, the American Federation of Labor (AFL). The AFL's first president, Samuel

Gompers, was an important factor in the federation's success. For the next 38 years (with one exception), this indefatigable leader served as president of the AFL. Now, at the centenary of his presidency, Gompers is the subject of renewed attention.

To mark this centenary the Library of Congress has published *Samuel Gompers: a Selected List of References about the Man and his Times.* Compiled by R. David Myers of the General Reading Rooms Division, this bibliography provides a comprehensive annotated list of the scholarly literature on Gompers and his movement.

Copies of this 55-page paperbound bibliography can be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, for $2 each (stock number 030-000-00177-0).

Report on NACO Activities

In preparation for contributing series authority records to the nationwide authority file, six Name Authority Co-op (NACO) libraries sent representatives to the Library of Congress for three days of classroom instruction, September 22-24. The program was jointly sponsored by NACO and the Library's Technical Processing and Automation Instruction Office (TPAIO). The attendees were Monica Craven, U.S. Department of the Interior; Charles Hamilton, University of California, Berkeley; Libby Hofsas, Yale University; Don Thornbury, Princeton University; and Anne Wendler, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The faculty included Randall Barry and Sue Hayduchok, Shared Cataloging Division; Judy Kuhagen, Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy; and Maureen Moore, TPAIO.

In late October the Government Printing Office (GPO)

NACO participants (front row, from the left): Elisabeth Janakiev, Monica Craven, Maureen Moore, Anne Wendler, and Judy Kuhagen; (back row, from the left): Charles Hamilton, Suzanne Liggett, Libby Hofsas, Don Thornbury, Judy Fenly, Randall Barry, and Beacher Wiggins.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Proclamation 5584 of December 3, 1986

Year of the Reader, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

"To read well, that is to read true books in a true fashion, is a noble exercise," wrote Thoreau. The ability to read and write effectively is essential to the vitality of the mind and to success and accomplishment in every field of endeavor. Some with the ability to read may seldom think of the blessings it bestows, but, sadly, those without it know the difficulty they have in leading fully satisfying lives. They are denied the joy, the knowledge, and the exposure to opportunities that come through mastery of reading skills. They also lack a vital employment skill in our increasingly information-rich society.

During 1987, we will celebrate the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, one of the greatest documents of Western civilization and democratic thought. Every American should be able to read this national testament with full understanding. That goal alone should mobilize us to make ours a fully literate Nation, because our history demonstrates that literacy and real political freedom go hand in hand. Our Nation's heritage of liberty and self-government depends on a literate, informed citizenry.

For these reasons and more, the ability and opportunity to read are of fundamental importance to everyone. The National Commission on Reading, the Librarian of Congress, and others have recently reported that an alarmingly large number of Americans are not able or motivated to read. The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress also has noted the importance of focusing national attention on the importance of reading and strengthening national and local efforts to give all Americans the beauty, the promise, and the gift of reading.

The Congress, by Public Law 99-494, has designated 1987 as the "Year of the Reader" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the year of 1987 as the Year of the Reader, and I invite the Governors of every State, employers, government officials, community leaders, librarians, members of the business community, publishers, school superintendents, principals, educators, students, parents, and all Americans to observe this year with appropriate educational activities to recognize the importance of restoring reading to a place of preeminence in our personal lives and in the life of our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

Ronald Reagan

Federal Register, Vol. 51, No. 234, December 5, 1986, p. 43869.

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to hold a special place in the American consciousness. Acquisition of his manuscripts by the Library of Congress will complete a great circle begun at the time of national independence. He perfectly shows what it was that the founders of the American nation thought worth fighting for."

The essays published as *Letters from an American Farmer* in 1782 can be described as the first literary expression of an American national consciousness. Their author, Michel-Guillaume Jean de Crèvecoeur (1735–1813), who used the pseudonym J. Hector St. John, was a native of France. He had arrived in the American colonies in 1759 and soon found ready employment as a mapmaker and surveyor, occupations he had followed in Canada. In 1769, however, he married into a prosperous New York family and settled down to the life of a gentleman farmer in Orange County, N.Y. This idyllic life, which Crèvecoeur celebrated in his essays, was interrupted by the Revolutionary War.

Crèvecoeur did not sympathize with the Revolution and encountered increasing hostility from those who did. With some difficulty he left America in September 1780, stopped in London where he sold the manuscript of *Letters* to an English publisher, and proceeded to France. Made famous by the publication of the *Letters,* Crèvecoeur was drawn into the French Consular Service and returned to the newly formed United States as French Consul in New York, serving from 1783 to 1790. He left the Consular Service in 1792 and, characteristically, retired to the French countryside. He wrote a book of travel sketches about New York and Pennsylvania (published 1801) but otherwise lived a quiet and retired life until his death.

Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, Crèvecoeur's reputation rested chiefly on the *Letters,* which breathe the excitement of a new national identity and delineate the attractions of the pastoral, agricultural landscape. Both themes have been central to American political thought and literary expression, as writers and statesmen celebrated the new Eden, the "virgin land," the American garden, and sought to define an American identity from the elements of American experience. Crèvecoeur's *Letters,* though few in number, were pioneer expressions of these pervasive themes and contained incisive social observations as well.

In 1922, however, an American scholar made a startling discovery in France. The essays published in *Letters from an American Farmer* were only part of those which Crèvecoeur had written, and the smaller part at that. Fully two-thirds of the essays remained in manuscript, in the custody of the Crèvecoeur family in Paris, France. A transcript was made, and the additional essays were published in 1925 by Yale University Press as *Sketches of Eighteenth Century America: More "Letters from an American Farmer."* Disarmingly, however, the editors admitted that they had not attempted "to reproduce exactly the manuscript of Crèvecoeur." The manuscript of the "first" piece of genuinely American literature, therefore, has never been published as its author wrote it.

Acquisition of the manuscripts imperfectly edited in the 1920s and those which formed the basis for the original 1782 publications of *Letters* is a major event for any library or repository, but most especially for the national library. In an era of bicentennial celebrations, when Americans look to their political and philosophical roots, few works can better serve as the expression of an emerging national identity than Crèvecoeur's essays. "What is an American?" Crèvecoeur asked in Letter III and answered: "The American is a new man, who acts upon new principles; he must therefore entertain new ideas and form new opinions."

The manuscripts will be on display in 1987, after which they will be available in the Manuscript Division.

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received additional training in the preparation of series authority records and will begin submitting records for all its new series. Some time in the near future, GPO and the Library of Congress will undertake the retrospective conversion of some 2,000 manual series authorities making up the rest of the GPO AACR2 series file. Online access to these records is considered very important to libraries other than GPO who do not have access to the manual records. Their inclusion in the national database will allow other institutions to use the GPO-established form and thus create bibliographic records that are compatible with Library of Congress and GPO records. The Department of the Interior will take on the responsibility of creating series authority records for its own publications, provided either that the series is new to the Library of Congress and GPO databases, or that, in the case of re-establishing an existing series, no heading change is needed.

NACO Changes Its Name

At the end of September it was announced that the Name Authority Co-op (NACO) would be changing its name to National Coordinated Cataloging Operations effective October 1. The acronym NACO will stay the same, since it is so well known in the library community. For some time now NACO has coordinated the contribution of bibliographic records in addition to the name authority records which it has received since its creation in 1977. The new name reflects more accurately the breadth of NACO activities, which for the first time will now also include series authority records contributed by NACO participants not also contributing bibliographic records. (See LC *Information Bulletin,* September 1, p. 306.)

STAFF NEWS

LCPA Announces New Officers for 1987

The Library of Congress Professional Association (LCPA) recently announced the election results for its 1987 officers. The president is Brent L. Kendrick, training coordinator, Copyright Office; vice-president, Georgiana Van Syckle, copyright cataloger, Copyright Office; secretary, Allen W. Thrasher, reference librarian, Asian Division, Research Services; and treasurer, Sarah Dashiell Rouse, librarian, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound.

Established in the fall of 1969, LCPA now serves more than 1,700 members. The association has a threefold purpose: (1) to encourage the professional development and continuing education of Library staff members; (2) to provide an independent platform for the discussion of professional issues and concerns; and (3) to further general communication and interaction among staff members from all parts of the Library.

The association's goals are achieved, in part, through its Continuing Education Fund, its on-going series of noon-time programs, its Special Interest Groups, its annual book sale, its yearly employee arts and crafts show (cosponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Association), its regular publications (the *LCPA Broadside* and the *LCPA Newsletter*), and its special publications (*Index to the Library of Congress Information Bulletin* and *Automation at the Library of Congress: Inside Views*).

Membership in the association is open to all current or retired Library of Congress employees.

WRA Declares Winners of Annual Talent Show

The WRA "Re-Search for Stars" talent show was held at noon in the Coolidge Auditorium on Thursday, November 20, with an overflow crowd. It was coordinated by Leo Anderson, Descriptive Cataloging Division, who also was master of ceremonies. Participants were Betty Green, "The Mother" of her Mother's Band, performing "Mr. Magic" and a "Mother's Going to Take You Down Memory Lane" medley, with Tye Campbell, guitarist and singer, Horace Brock on keyboard, joined by Robin Lancaster, Information and Reference Division, daughter of Betty Green, percussionist. Brenda Day, Publishing Office, pianist, played "Tenderly" and "Ebb Tide"; Paul Carlino was an impressionist and comic; Albert Taylor, MARC Editorial Division, sang "Going Out of My Head Over You," David Maxwell, pianist; Debora DeBello, Performing Arts Division, sang "Last Thing on My Mind," "The Air I Breathe," and "When Will I Be Loved," accompanying herself on the guitar; Howard Moore, Special Police, sang "The Greatest Love of All," Brenda Day, pianist; Leo Anderson sang "Here Is My Life," David Maxwell, pianist; Marcellus Todd, Records Management Division, recited some of his own poems. John Watson as a special guest performer accompanied himself on the piano, singing "I Want to Praise the Lord." He was later joined in a duet by Reba Burruss, Copyright Examining Division, singing "If You Need Somebody."

A first-place plaque was awarded to Mother's Band. The second prize went to Howard Moore, and the third prize was given to Albert Taylor. The drawing for WRA membership prizes was done by Erma Wall, Central Services Division, president of WRA, and Rozita Melson, Order Division, vice president of WRA. The winners were Carolyn Alexander, Subject Cataloging Division; Douglas Postell, Exchange and Gift Division; and Edward Clark, Receiving and Processing Division.

A surprise special plaque was presented by Erma Wall to Leo Anderson which read: "In honor and with deep appreciation of your contributions and service over the years."

Women's Committee Sponsors Brown Bag Lunch on Contributions Of Black Women

Staff members are invited to attend a brown bag luncheon on "Black Women in the Work Force" in conjunction with Black History Month, to be held Thursday, February 5, at noon in the West Dining Room, Sixth floor of the Madison Building. Sylvia Cooke Martin, staff training and development officer at the Library of Congress, will discuss and answer questions on the contributions of black women to American society.

Ms. Cooke Martin serves as a management consultant focusing on counseling and development of skills in supervision, communication, and human relations.

The February 4 luncheon is the second in a series of brown bag luncheons on career-oriented topics sponsored by the Women's Program Office and its Advisory Committee. The first luncheon, held on December 10, drew a standing-room-only audience of more than 150 persons.

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William J. Welsh Receives 45-Year Federal Service Medallion

William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress, was presented a 45-year Federal Service Award medallion by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin

Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh (left) is congratulated by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin.

on November 21. The award ceremony took place at a reception in The Librarian's office, attended by many of Mr. Welsh's friends and colleagues.

Dr. Boorstin, in presenting the award to Mr. Welsh, commended him on many aspects of his distinguished career at the Library. In a humorous vein, noting that Mr. Welsh joined the staff in March 1947 in a *temporary* position as a searcher in the Cooperative Acquisitions Project, Dr. Boorstin "warned" the library administrators present of the dangers of such temporary appointments.

A native of Weatherly, Pa., Mr. Welsh is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. While studying law at Notre Dame, his career in librarianship began with a position as assistant librarian in the Law School library. From 1941 to 1947 he served with the U.S. Air Force, including a position as librarian for the Alaskan Division Headquarters of the Air Transport Command. Mr. Welsh was discharged with the rank of major.

Mr. Welsh joined the staff of the Library of Congress in March 1947 as a library assistant in a post-war cooperative acquisitions project. His career at the Library has been characterized by elevation to increasingly responsible positions. He has served as head of the Order Unit, of the Accessioning Unit, and of the Order Section in the Order Division; as head of the *East European Accessions Index* project; as administrative officer of the Processing Department; and as director of the Processing Department. In February 1976 Dr. Boorstin appointed Mr. Welsh as The Deputy Librarian of Congress, the second-ranking post in the Library.

Mr. Welsh's performance and achievements have been noted and rewarded both within the Library of Congress and within the library profession. In 1971 he was presented the Melvil Dewey Award by the American Library Association for creative professional achievement in library management. In 1983 he received the Library's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, for his many years of dedicated service. The University of Notre Dame conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Mr. Welsh in May 1984, citing his innovative leadership in librarianship.

Mr. Welsh is a member of the American Library Association and the Foundations Group Library Committee. He is the Library's representative to the Association of Research Libraries, on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and on the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine. He also serves on numerous other committees, advisory boards, and task forces within the Library of Congress and in the library profession. As a Library representative to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, he currently serves as chair of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries.

Mr. Welsh and his wife live in Bethesda, Md. They have two sons and one grandchild.

Evelyn Timberlake Is Awarded 20-Year Federal Service Pin

Evelyn Timberlake, a reference librarian in the General Reading Rooms Division, received a 20-year pin for Federal service last July. All of her Federal service has been with the Library of Congress.

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Ms. Timberlake earned a B.A. degree in English at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, did graduate work in English and American literature at the University of Maine at Orono, and earned an M.S. in library science at Simmons College School of Library Science in Boston. In 1966 Ms. Timberlake came to the Library of Congress as a member of the Special Recruit Program (now the Intern Program), working on the *Monthly Checklist of State Publications* during the summer before the program began. Following the recruit program, she worked as a subject cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division until the summer of 1968 when she joined the General Reference and Bibliography Division as a reference librarian in the Main Reading Room. She continues on the staff of the Main Reading Room Section as reference specialist in American literature and alternate recommending officer.

She received an Incentive Award in 1979 for preparing printed instructions for the filling out of call slips in the general reading rooms; a Special Achievement Award in 1982 for her work with the Social Science Reading Room Reference Collection Committee; and a Meritorious Service Award in 1984 for participating in the reselection and weeding of the cataloging arrearage. Ms. Timberlake currently is working toward a master of arts degree in the Liberal Studies Program of Georgetown University.

Charles E. Tayman Dies, Was Library Police Supervisor

Charles E. Tayman, sergeant, Library of Congress police force, died on November 27 (Thanksgiving Day), following his tour of duty as police supervisor in the James Madison Building. Sergeant Tayman had recently celebrated his 46th birthday.

Sergeant Tayman was a veteran of 20 years of Library of Congress police service. He was appointed to the police force in November 1966, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in August 1973, a position he held until the time of his death.

Prior to coming to the Library, Sergeant Tayman spent two years of active duty with the United States Army, which included a tour of duty in Vietnam. Subsequently, he was active in the U.S. Army Reserves and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sergeant Tayman was born in Brandywine, Md., on November 15, 1940. He continued to live in Maryland throughout his lifetime. Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County, Md., was his home at the time of his death.

He will be missed immensely by his colleagues, and he will be remembered for his cheerful personality, his compassion for others, his professional skills, and for his commitment to the Library police force. As one officer stated, "Charlie Tayman had a way with people. He was always kind and, as a supervisor, he could always get the work done through his officers because they knew he cared." These qualities were exemplified by the numerous letters of commendation for superior performance he received from The Librarian, his supervisors, and various officials throughout the Library.

Funeral services were held at the George P. Kalas Funeral Home in Oxon Hill, Md., on December 2.

Sergeant Charles Tayman's survivors include nine brothers and sisters; his sister-in-law, Shelvie Tayman (Copyright Office, Information and Reference Division); and his nephew, Russell (Rusty) Knodle (Exchange and Gift Division).

Birth Announcement

Carrianne Beverly McClellan, bibliographer, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is the proud mother of a girl, Qarrianne Blayr, born October 28 at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Md. The baby is the first for Mrs. McClellan and her husband, Robert "Foxx" McClellan, a case manager with an Alexandria youth program.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Laura J. Lachin, microphotographer trainee, GT-3, Photodup; Sue Wang Li, librarian, GS-12, CM&P; Rozelle Rhodes, information counter attendant, GS-3, Inf; Alfred T. Thomas, warehouse worker, WG-4, CDS.

Temporary Appointments: Jacqueline McNeil, library aid, GS-1, CRS L; Tonyia L. Ryland, clerk-typist, GS-3, GRR; Albert P. Tucker, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt; Lori Washington, library aid, GS-1, CRS L.

Reappointment: Rachel H. Fletcher, library aid, GS-1, CRS L.

Promotions: Frederick J. Augustyn, subject cataloger, GS-11, Subj Cat; John P. Celli, assistant chief, GS-14, CIP; George D. Cru, copyright acquisitions technician, GS-6, Cop Dep & Acq; Gregg A. Esenwein, economics analyst, GS-15, CRS E; Steven Kerchoff, educational liaison specialist, GS-9, ELO; Irene L. Schubert, head, periodical section, GS-13, Ser; Amy K. Weiss, file clerk, GT-4, Photodup.

Resignations: William E. Laing, Ser; Austin F. Wooten, FRD.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Wednesday, February 4
☐ John Watson, Inc., musical performance in celebration of Black History Month. Coolidge Auditorium, 10 a.m.

Saturday, February 7
☐ Andres Diaz, violoncello, with Hengdin Park, piano. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10
☐ "Intellectual Properties in North and West Europe," Bernard Dietz, Copyright Office. Special Interest Group on Foreign Area Studies. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642. **For members and staff.**

Wednesday, February 11
☐ "Blacks and the Constitution," Julian Bond. In celebration of Black History Month. Coolidge Auditorium, 11 a.m.

Friday, February 13
☐ Concert by The Theater Chamber Players of Kennedy Center. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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